May 26, 2011

RUSSELLVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRCT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT*

A public hearing was held at the Russellville Independent Schools Tech Center on May 26, 2011, at 5:30 PM (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Russellville Independent Schools Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 8 – 0 vote record in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 4 - 0 to approve the new plan.

There was/were (8) number of persons at the hearing exclusive of the hearing officer individual(s) in attendance. Leon Smith, Superintendent, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Local Planning Committee members John Myers, Mark Coursey, David Corbin, Ken Brown, Jennie Crum, Calvin Naylor, Mary Celsor, Robert Coker were present.

COMMENTS

Leon Smith, Superintendent, called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. All considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan which includes; the committee did extensive work to review the all areas of facility needs. The primary focus for this committee is Russellville High School and the Russellville Area Technical Center. The HVAC system at Russellville High School is dated and in need of replacement in the auditorium, lobby and band room. An upgrade for the lobby as well as the front of the high school is a high priority. A secure entrance into the high school during the school day is a safety issue is included in our assessment. The restroom facilities in the main lobby area are small and in of repair. Russellville High School and Russellville Area Technical Center need replacement windows. The RATC needs additional office space and frontage to keep students from having to go in and out of the building to change classes, this is considered to be a safety need as well.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Hearing Officer, Leon Smith, read the Public Hearing Agenda with no comments from those in attendance. The only attendees were members of the Local Planning Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Russellville Independent Schools Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Russellville Independent Schools Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Russellville Independent School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Smith

Leon Smith, Superintendent

cc: Tim Lucas, Manager Public Hearing Agenda Planning File

Attachments: Russellville Independent School District Facility Plan

*This document is presented to KDE as submitted by the district-appointed hearing officer.